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BRYAN'S ROAD FUND SERIAL.

An acute rush of the constitution to the office of the secretary of the state may be the means of bringing to earth one of the balloons set affoat by Charles W. Bryan when he was governor. A committee named by the senate of the 1923, legislature made an exhaustive inquiry into the road fund. It also made a complete and very interesting report. Now the secretary of state, Charles W. Pool, declines to approve vouchers to pay the expenses incurred by the committee in making its investigation. The fact that Mr. Pool is a democrat is merely incidental. He would be as conscientious in his adherence to the letter of the constitution if he were of any other political faith.

On the surface, the affair has the appearance of a state official seeking strict conformity to a constitutional provision. If it were true that the senatorial committee had been commissioned for the sole purpose of providing employment and thereby increasing the emoluments of the senators who compose it, the objection raised by Mr. Pool would be valid beyond question. In reality, the committee was appointed to carry on an inquiry into certain allegations made by the governor. Charges that seriously effected the credit of the state. That tended to place obloquy on the administration of the governor's immediate predecessor in office. Contractors who sought payment for work done were told they could not have the money they sought.

Governor Bryan declined to assist the committee. He had declined to consult with the senate's committee while the legislature was in session. It was necessary for the committee to carry on its inquiry after the session was ended. For that purthe committee was continued. Had its report been made while the legislature was in session all its expenses would have been paid without objection. Why, then, is it not equally legitimate to pay costs incurred by the committee after the session ended, when the work had been authorized for the public good?

Nothing will be lost through having the whole matter aired in court. The committee's report developed the fact that \$400,000 was in the treasury at Washington, awaiting action by the governor on approved contracts. This at the time Mr. Bryan was insisting that the road fund had a deficit of half a million dollars. The same deficit is again being paraded. We believe the secretary of state is straining the constitutional provision, but it will be a good thing if the action is followed up by a full investigation in open court.

SLAPPED 'EM ON THE WRIST.

Recently the republicans of New Orleans had the temerity to actually nominate a full set of candidates for city offices. Naturally the aristocracy, the elite, the chivalry, of Naw 'leans was aroused. Something had to be done about it. Immediately arose an insistent demand that a severe rebuke be handed these political upstarts.

Well, it was. It was more than a rebuke. The

impudent republicans were not only rebuked, they were slapped on the wrist, and slapped severely. In a total of 36,000 votes the republicans were allowed 2,000 in the count. Just how many republican votes were cast will, of course, never be known. The surprising thing about the whole affair is that the republicans were allowed to have the names of any candidates on the ticket. It is surprising, too, that they were allowed any votes at all in the count. The usual plan is to allow only enough republicans to show up to fill the local federal offices in case of republican victory in the nation. It is going entirely too far for republicans to aspire to local elective offices.

The stinging rebuke administered to the presumptuous republicans of Naw 'Leans was well deserved. What will become of all the treasured traditions of the south if these political upstarts are not curbed? What medicine could soothe the shattered nerves of chivalry in such event?

The New Orleans Item says it was a "stinging

rebuke." It was more than that.

NEWEST THING IN POLITICS. The world does move. Assuredly, for the men who "somewhere in this favored land" are continually in pursuit of public office keep things from stagnating. Last summer we watched with interest the employment of the radio as an adjunct to the stump speaker. Addresses by prominent advocates of all parties were carried into the quiet of the home over the ether waves. Audiences were boosted into the millions by this plan. What the effect may have been perhaps can be read in the returns. Certainly the voter was not without information as to the

views of the candidates and their supporters. Now comes a Lincoln man with another idea. novel in that it is for the first time being put into use. He employs the telephone. Calls up a number, and for a moment talks to the voter who answers. Just a few words of personal appeal. Intimate, confidential even, although the burden of his little chat nublished in a Lincoln paper. He gets attention, does not talk long enough to confuse the party he is talking to. Puts his personal case in a light that

must impress the fair-minded voter. Very likely he will get substantial benefit because of his idea.

Long talks over the wireless, or by any other means, are apt to fall as easily out of the mind as they do out of the ears. Memory retains only a hazy outline of the trend of the argument. Sentences may be recalled, but little of the text. By telephone though, a few words only are uttered. Not enough to clog the memory, and just enough to make an impression. This form of campaign will surely spread.

PRODDING A NEGLIGENT DEBTOR.

Nations, it seems, are like individuals. A sense of obligation for favors enjoyed is not developed to a point where it becomes an embarrassment. Take Rumania. When the war came to an end, that bit of nationality, along with quite a few others, was in a precarious position for lack of ready money. Instead of allowing the Rumanians to work out their own salvation, the government at Washington staked Rumania to a considerable sum of ready cash. This was used to sustain the king, and help him carry on. Other nations were similarly provided for from the generous government that is supposed to be devoted exclusively to dollars.

Now further evidence of the correctness of that popular conception is afforded. Mr. Coolidge has, through the State department, advised Rumania that the loan was made with the thought of its being paid at the earliest convenient time. Rumania has, it seems, been making Uncle Sam a preferred creditor with reverse English. That is, the policy at Bucharest has been to let the debt to the United States ride while other obligations incurred since that were taken on have been provided for. Naturally, such a policy is exasperating, and a pointed note has been sent, expressing the American view of the

The note to Rumania is undoubtedly intended for perusal in several capitals. When the Wilson government was loaning billions to poverty-stricken European countries, after the war, the purpose was to aid in restoration. If the process of recovery has been retarded, it is because of the peculiar brand of politics that has prevailed during the last seven years. Settlement day can not be forever post- law with an emergency clause imponed. Common decency requires that the claims of the United States have some consideration from he debtors.

Wrangling factions in France might get a hint from the note sent to Rumania. The "ring of steel" France has erected around the German empires includes Rumania as one of its links. Each of these nations has looked upon the American loan as something that might be subject of negotiation, 'payment of which may be indefinitely postponed while theories of government are being tried out. Awakened from this, the debtor nations may be prodded into assuming a more stable condition. Probably the payment now overdue will not be hastened, but a definite notion of what to expect ought to be developed.

IT CAN BE DONE.

Sunday in Omaha was a beautiful day. Memory loes not recall a fairer Easter Sunday. All nature was an invitation and all hands accepted that invitaion. Men, women and children were out, enjoying he warm sunlight and the glories of early spring. Religious services claimed the attention of thousands. After that they had turned to the rational enjoyment of God's wonderful work, and in it found pleasure.

Of course, the automobiles were out. Thousands through the parks, over the crossways. Downtown streets were crowded with the heaviest traffic ever registered. A traffic officer of fifteen years' experience, says he never witnessed the like, a steady stream of swiftly moving cars, all day long, and far into the

Without an accident. Not even a minor collision reported. Far out on North Thirtieth street a careless driver marred the perfect record of the day. He was proceeding at a high rate of speed without lights, and knocked down a pedestrian couple.

"Bloody Sunday" to the discard, because the moforing thousands so willed. A day of terror transformed into a day of pleasure, because drivers were en the lookout, and accidents were avoided. It can be done, for it was done. Easter Sunday's record should be a glowing example for all the Sundays that are to come, and the week days in between. and lag. Drive carefully, and enjoy the outing. That is all.

A solourning Russian prince whose aristocratic name ends in the suggestive "popoff," has visions of being restored to a \$350,000,000 estate. He probably also has visions of selling some of it in America. He just popped off.

Uncle Sam did a fair business with the outside world in March, running up a total of more than \$800,000,000 in exports and imports. More than half was exports. This is what makes the free trad-

The Tennessee legislature prohibited the teaching of evolution in the schools of that state. Which enactment is proof positive that there is no such thing as evolution in Tennessee legislative circles.

Germans are to have the opportunity of telling the world if they propose to go ahead as a republic or backward as a monarchy. We are confident what the answer will be.

It wound profit a number of young people to give a thought to mother before, instead of waiting until after.

It transpires that efforts to get the democratic factions together resulted only in their flying further

Homespun Verse By Omaha's Own Poet-Robert Worthington Davie.

SOMEDAY.

Scheday, when I am wise and old, I'm going to strive to blend Together those quaint pictures which to distant youth

extend:-And which, from year to year, like jewels retain their colors true. more resplendent grow in thought as dreams of

Mother do. Someday, when other tasks are done and I am free at

The ecstasies of life will rise from that much cherished The ecstasies which Effort stole from Hardship's echoes,

Someday, the old forsaken paths will bloom with roses

A Mother who had kneeled to pray arose to wear a

There will be happiness and pride when we far hence-And one who keeps a Mother's faith and foresight recently married, died with his learns that Good Ethereal o'er the cradle craons the songs of Babyhood.

"From State and Nation"

Making Good Indians.

When the full force of the conditions surrounding the recognition of President Coolidge as a member of the Hunkpapa branch of the Sioux Indian nation, and his being given the name of "Bear Ribs" in memory of a tormer wise counsellor of that tribe. are understood it will be seen that the president has won quite a victory over the wild men, sufficient, indeed to be taken as an omen for a like triumph over the wilder red men of

The Hunkpapas are now located in Sioux county, North Dakota, where the recent prairie fire raged. They were the last tribe to submit to gov ernment control or go on reservations. In 1854 the Indian agent wrote They of all Indians are now the most dreaded on the Missouri." manded liberty to wage war and to plunder. Their name means some-thing like "Gypsy," being equivalent for "wanderer" or "those who camp by themselves." Their character and independence will be recognized when it is pointed out that "Sitting Bull was their chief. They fought at Lit tle Big Horn and helped wipe out Custer and his command.

That the descendants of these mer under the signatures of their chiefs should now give tokens of fealty, and name the president after Bear Ribs because he was right and far-seeing when he urged them to take up the white men's ways and cease becoming rovers, is not a mere gesture with these Indians. They are serious and the action taken is one of moment to them. At that, they have set an ex ample to some white brethren who find it easier, after electing a president, to assume a captious attitude and not with detached and critical glance the errors, that being human he is bound to make, instead of ten dering him the support his merits deserve and his efforts evoke. The Hunkpapa Indian can teach some of us something, yet,

Taxing the Intangibles.

Passage of a new intangible tax assessors, who have already started their rounds, inasmuch as the sched ules for 1925, which have already been printed, are based on the old law instead of the new. It being too late to get new blanks without incur ring considerable delay it will be nec essary to make many pencil changes to fit the requirements of the new

Under the new law there are two classifications whereas under the old law there was only one. Under one of these classifications money and certificates of deposit are taxed at the rate of two and one-half mills on the dollar. With the exception of bank stock, all other intangibles will be taxed at the rate of five mills on

Formerly bank stock has been taxed at the rate of 25 per cent of the rate on tangible property, but the new law raises the rate from 25 per cent to 70 per cent, or an increase of 45 per

County clerks will also be burdened with considerable extra labor in ex tending the tax records to comply adopt an emergency clause in this class of legislation and in this instance it is not apparent that an em

Nebraska legislatures are given to onstant changes of the tax laws so that neither tax-payers nor taxing period to another what to expect. If the new statute is even tolerably satisfactory it ought to be permitted to stand until tax-payers are familiar

The Real Cause.

The University of Nebraska will not get sympathetic attention and ear nest support from the state of Ne-braska until the legislature is filled standing of the needs and purposes The failure of the late, lamented

legislature to finance a school which is growing out of its swaddling clothes its component units, for the most appreciate the university. Send men to the legislature who are so provincial and narrow between the ears as to evaluate every human and the splendid educational institu ions of this state will not languish

The fault lies, of course, with the electorate and, back of that, with the timidness of good men who need drafting for important work in the Mediocrity in the general assembly of the state is a curse, although not many people will admit

Center Shots

The month's award for unconscious irony is herewith handed Congress-man J. W. Byrns of Tennessee for his reference in a recent speech to unavoidable savings in government

We wonder that the irreconcilables and Senator Borah did not take pains to ascertain if John G. Sargent had not at some time defended a Vermont maple sap farmer.-Houston Post

A bulldog at Macon, Ga., has been given two baby tigers to raise, and some day that buildog is going to feel like most American parents do now.—American Lumberman.

To some persons it seems perfectly plain that the cross-word puzzle was invented by the rubber trust to pro mote the demand for erasers.-Chica

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These are great days t' buy a home jest as good as new. Lester Pine, prominent club man an' only shoes off t'day.

Movie of a Man Crossing a Busy Street

ENJOYING THE NICE BRISK WALK TO THE OFFICE

ARRIVES AT MIDDLE

TRAFFIC SUDDENLY

OF STREET WHERE

BECOMES TERRIFIC

COMES TO BUSY STREET CROSSING AND LOOKS FOR AUTOS



IN VERITABLE BEDLAN AND MAELSTROM OF MACHINES



BUT THINKS HE CAN MAKE IT

SEES ONE APPROACHING

SEES OPENING AND MAKES FINAL DASH FOR CURB .



ARRIVES SAFELY BUT HURLS EPITHETS AT CAR WHICH NARROWLY MISSED BUMPING HIM

-AND HAS NARROW

ESCAPE FROM DEATH



Take Comfort, nor forget,

That Sunrise never failed us yet.

A woman who has traveled much writes us, asking that her name be suppressed, and compliments Omaha on its clean streets and efficient fire department. She says she has been in New York, Boston, Philadelphia, San Francisco, Los Angeles and other large cities, but nowhere has she seen cleaner streets nor watched a better fire department at work than right here in Omaha. The good woman is correct, but most of us Omahans just take that sort of thing for granted and never say anything about it. That's one trouble with a majority of citizens. They voice a protest at a moment's notice, but seldom do they voice a word of appreciation.

This is "Be Kind to Animals Week," but only the usual seven days for us. Thinking to take advantage of the week we threw the papers all over the floor, dropped cigaret ashes ad lib burnt matches around with reckless abandon. Somehow or other the rules of the special week did not appeal to the other side of the household. From now on we are ferninst all these special weeks.

The news that pictures are to be used by radio does not intrigue us even a little bit If the pictures look like most of the radio music sounds, we'll have none of them.

Count Karolyi are all bachelors. No married man wo dertake to muzzle anybody; at least he wouldn't try it the

It is difficult to describe an Omaha man of our acquaintance, but he is the kind of man who lets his wife select his hats and

In the good old days when we flitted from point to point in pursuit of our trade of setting type, usually looking for the work that we hoped we would be unable to find, we met one Charles M. Keefer. Charley was a fixture. He was a foreman. and usually we held a grudge against his kind. But not against Charley. A lot of water has passed beneath the bridge since the day the machines came in and a lot of us old-time printers abandoned the trade. Charley is no longer a foreman. He is an insurance man. But his reformation is not complete. In fact, he has fallen from grace in at least one respect. Charley is actually writing poetry. It isn't such bad stuff, but somehow or other we can't visualize Charley grinding out rhymes. But you never can tell what an ex-foreman of a print shop will do. ore'n you can tell what they will do before they become ex-es. In order to make sure this paragraph will get by we'll hasten to say that this does not apply to all foremen of composing rooms.

The echoes of our growl about being restrained from using the little old typewriter on the Pullman are coming back from We have been informed by divers and sundry railroad friends that it is a Pullman regulation, not a railroad regulation. Perhaps we owe an apology to George McNutt and his railroad, the Katy. If so, here it is. But there are some raffroads-outside of Nebraska-where a man doubly earns his money when he tries to grind out typewriter copy while riding

"Don't get your terms confused," advises Ol' Doc Bixby, who is some fiddler himself. "Music is music and jazz is We prefer music, even that of Ol' Doc's fiddle, to jazz.

Northwestern university is to start a probe into student night life. In the old days students burned the midnight oil. Nowadays entirely too much midnight gas is burned. Perhaps right there is the place to start the probe

After listening in on our radio for a couple of nights we forced to the conclusion that the whereabouts of a maiden named Sally have been ascertained. WILL M. MAUPIN.

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Letters From Our Readers All letters must be signed, but name will be withheld upon request. Com-munications of 200 words and less will be given preference.

Combatting Socialism

Beatrice, Neb.—To the Editor of The Omaha Bee: Yesterday W. L. Fisher, chief counsel for the government in the Armour-Morris merger didna have any acrobats." controversy, said in answer to the oppossibility of monopoly in the packing industry, that "the vital thing is the preservation of competition." The tendency toward centralization of control in most large American in-

dustries results in avoiding the pre-servation of competition in reality. Such tendency reflects upon those very industries themselves by an immediate clamor for price fixing or public ownership of those industries. The politician rides to office upon the issue of public ownership of the ice plant, the gas station, the power plant

and the most popular of all might be the price control or government ownership and distribution of necessaries. The operators of classes of large American industry should curb the theory of centralization of control and substitute therefore the motto of "each for himself" that the reins of state and nation may slacken toward

tries and halt this thorn of socialism LLOYD CROCKER. Can You Beat It? MacTavish had been invited to spend an evening at a friend's house istening to a wireless program.

ndependent operation of these indus-

At its conclusion his host said, "Well, Mac, what could a Scotsman desire better than that? Singing, instrumentalists, a talk on blue bottles opera, news and dance music-all for "Aye," said MacTavish, "but we

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